



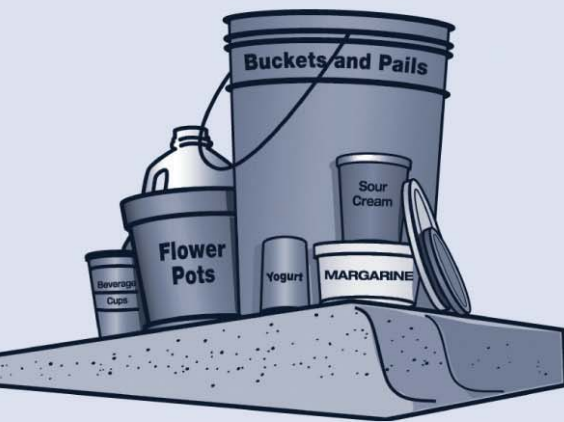
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Promoting Recycling through Community Leadership



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Are you recycling all of your plastic?



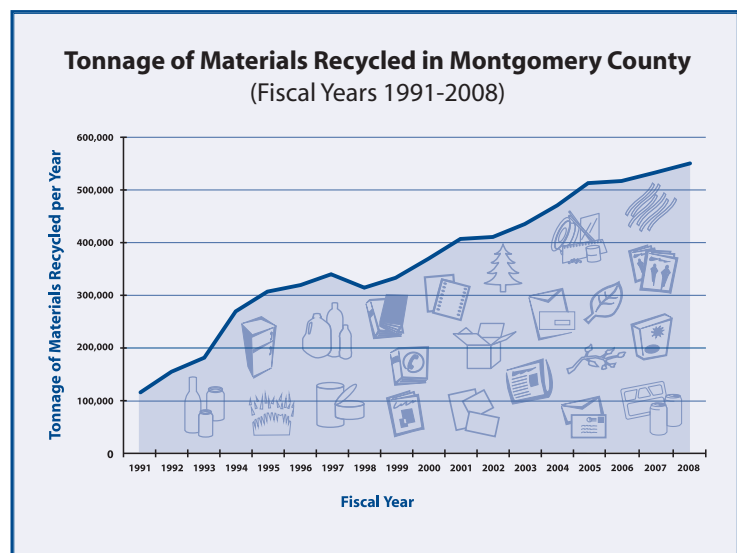
Great news! This past summer, Montgomery County expanded its curbside recycling program to include additional types of plastic materials, so be sure you are now recycling all of these materials in addition to aluminum cans and foil products, bi-metal steel/tin cans, plastic bottles, and glass bottles and jars:

- Plastic bottles
- Plastic beverage cups
- Yogurt containers
- Peanut butter and mayonnaise jars
- Spice jars
- Plastic soup containers
- Ice cream, butter, or margarine tubs
- Laundry detergent tubs and kitty litter pails (with plastic or metal handles)
- Flower pots

Montgomery County's Recycling Rate Reaches a New High

Thanks to all of our residents and businesses for continuing their efforts to recycle all the materials they can. In late October, Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett released the new recycling rate information for Fiscal Year 2008 (July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008). The good news is that last year alone, residents and businesses recycled a total of 553,501 tons of materials; an increase over the 528,187 tons recycled in FY07. As a result the overall recycling rate in the County reached a new high of 44.3 percent, a 1.1 percent increase over last year's recycling rate of 43.2 percent.

Each year the amount of materials recycled in the County continues to grow, proving that Montgomery County residents and businesses can reach the County's goal to recycle 50 percent of all waste generated. As we start 2009, let's continue our efforts to recycle all that we can recycle in Montgomery County and take steps to reduce the amount of waste generated. Together, we will continue our upward trend of increased recycling.





Waste Reduction R

Now that the holiday season is over and our schedules and activities are changing, we are reviewing the types of materials we generate and strive to find ways to reduce the amount of waste. We encourage your community to follow these simple tips or to create their own suggestions.

Reduce and Reuse



- Purchase food items in bulk to reduce the amount of packaging.
- Use china or reusable tableware instead of disposable plates and flatware.
- When printing information at home and work, set your printer to double-sided copying if that feature is available.
- Use the back side of paper as scrap paper.
- Donate clothing and usable household goods and appliances to charitable organizations.
- When shopping, use reusable bags instead of plastic or paper bags. Some stores give discounts at the register if you use a reusable bag.
- Buy and use rechargeable batteries.
- Use on-line reuse Web sites such as Craigslist and Freecycle to exchange unwanted items.

Recycle. Remember to recycle all that you can recycle in Montgomery County

Mixed Paper

- Corrugated cardboard boxes
- Newspaper and inserts
- Magazines and catalogs
- White and colored office/printing/copier paper
- Unwanted mail
- Envelopes (with or without windows; stickers okay)
- Paperboard (cereal, snack food, cookie boxes)
- Shredded paper (place into paper bags or in between layers of other paper in mixed paper wheeled cart)
- Toilet paper and paper towel inner cardboard rolls
- Telephone books
- Paperback and hardcover books



Commingled Materials

- Aluminum cans and aluminum foil products
- Bi-metal (steel/tin) cans
- Glass bottles and jars
- Plastic bottles, containers, jars, tubs, lids, pails, buckets, and flower pots including:
 - Yogurt containers
 - Butter, margarine, whipped topping, and ice cream tubs
 - Peanut butter and mayonnaise jars



Resolutions for 2009

re getting back to normal, it's a good time to take a close look at what amount of materials we dispose of as trash. Encourage everyone in estions, and to recycle everything they can.



Scrap Metal

- Appliances, metal furniture, disassembled sheds, and lawn mowers

To schedule a collection, call DSWS' Customer Service line at 240-777-6410 by 11:00 am the business day before your regular recycling collection day.

Yard Trim

- Leaves – try composting — place leaves into a compost bin along with grass clippings, flowers, and plant trimmings
- Grass clippings – try grasscycling — leave grass clippings on the lawn after it is mowed
- Brush
- Garden trimmings



Christmas Trees

Recycle your Christmas tree at the curb! From Friday, December 26, 2008 through Friday, January 30, 2009, Christmas trees will be collected at the curb on your regular recycling collection day along with the rest of your recyclable materials. The trees will be chipped for mulch, so be sure to remove the stand and all decorations, such as lights, ornaments, tinsel and garland. Unfortunately, Christmas trees with root balls are considered "live" trees and therefore cannot be collected as part of this curbside recycling program.



Be sure to visit the Montgomery County Solid Waste Transfer Station/Recycling Center to recycle a wide range of other materials including:

- Motor oil and antifreeze
- Vehicle tires
- Car batteries
- Computers and related equipment
- Televisions, cell phones, and other electronic items
- Textiles (clothing, shoes, fabric)
- Cooking oil
- Reusable building materials

The Solid Waste Transfer Station/Recycling Center is located at 16101/16105 Frederick Rd. in Derwood (just south of the intersection of Route 355 and Shady Grove Rd.). Hours of operation are: Monday - Friday: 7:00 am - 8:00 pm; Saturday: 7:00 am - 5:00 pm; and Sunday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm.



Recycling Collection Calendar

Your recycling collection day may slide one day later during that week because of the following holidays. If you have any questions about your recycling collection or the holiday collection slide schedule, please call the Division of Solid Waste Services Customer Service line at 240-777-6410.

Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25, 2008

If your collection day is:	Your collection day this week is:
Monday, 12/22	Monday, 12/22 - no change
Tuesday, 12/23	Tuesday, 12/23 - no change
Wednesday, 12/24	Wednesday, 12/24 - no change
Thursday, 12/25	Friday, 12/26
Friday, 12/26	Saturday, 12/27

New Year's Day, Thursday, January 1, 2009

If your collection day is:	Your collection day this week is:
Monday, 12/29	Monday, 12/29 - no change
Tuesday, 12/30	Tuesday, 12/30 - no change
Wednesday, 12/31	Wednesday, 12/31 - no change
Thursday, 1/1	Friday, 1/2
Friday, 1/2	Saturday, 1/3

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday, Monday, January 19, 2009

If your collection day is:	Your collection day this week is:
Monday, 1/19	Tuesday, 1/20*
Tuesday, 1/20	Wednesday, 1/21
Wednesday, 1/21	Thursday, 1/22
Thursday, 1/22	Friday, 1/23
Friday, 1/23	Saturday, 1/24

*Note: Inauguration Day, Tuesday, January 20, will not impact the recycling collection schedule.

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